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Statement of Rep. Kind Regarding So-called Farm Bill Reforms by Ag Committee Chairman

Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) today made the following statement in response to Agriculture Committee Chairman Colin Peterson's so-called reforms to the 2007 Farm Bill:

"The call for reform this year was clearly too loud for Chairman Peterson to ignore, and I am pleased he has seen the broad support for proposals like FARM 21 and others that seek to make our farm policies more equitable and focused on the priorities of the vast majority of Americans.

"While I appreciate the Chairman's position in crafting this legislation and his recent movement on some very modest changes to our farm policies, they are a far cry from meaningful reform.

"Simply limiting payments to farmers whose adjusted gross income is \$1 million will not get to the heart of the problems with commodity programs. It will do very little to make our agriculture policies more equitable, will not address the real challenges we face at the WTO, and it will not do anything to help our farmers produce for the market rather than for the government paycheck.

"I urge Chairman Peterson and the committee to move further on reforms as they finish their work on the bill this week. If they don't, it will then be up to members of the House to decide whether they think this bill goes far enough in reforming our farm policies to benefit all Americans."